

Crowder Hurries Examination of Class 1 Draftees

Boards Ordered to Call Up Registrants as Soon as Classified

Lottery Is Delayed

Failure of All Returns to Reach Washington Necessitates Another Postponement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today instructed local draft boards throughout the country to call draft registrants for physical examination as soon as they have been placed in Class 1 by their boards, even though they may have been deferred for reclassification to the district board. The examination will be postponed only in case there is also pending a claim for deferred classification on industrial grounds.

Attention of the local boards was called to a new ruling providing that registrants no longer have the right of applying for reclassification to the medical advisory board after being passed by the examining physician of the local board, as has been the custom heretofore.

Actual induction into the service of those found physically fit will be in accordance with their order number as determined by the drawing to be held here, except in individual cases where local boards receive orders for the voluntary induction of certain registrants at the request of the army, navy or Marine Corps.

Draft Lottery Delayed

Announcement of the date for the third draft lottery to give numbers determining, in part, the order of service of each of the 13,000,000 men registered for military service on September 12, will be withheld by Provost Marshal General Crowder for another day or two.

It was expected today, but delays due to various causes, chiefly the isolation of some local boards in outlying sections made it impossible to ascertain definitely when the last board would have its list of registrants serially numbered and posted.

Six states have not yet reported complete totals for the September 12 registrations, and the provost marshal has been notified that totals returned from other states will have to be corrected because of discrepancies between telegraphic returns and later mail returns now being received.

Physically fit men between eighteen and forty-five years of age, who are placed in Class 1 by local draft boards or who would be so placed except for occupational deferment, cannot become candidates for commissions in the army until they have been inducted into service as privates, under rulings of the Adjutant General, made public today and superseding previous orders on the subject.

No "Irish Republic" To Be Registered, Draft Chief Orders

A statement to the effect that Director of the Draft Conboy had decided that "a citizen of the Irish Republic"

may register as such, issued yesterday by the Irish Protective League, was emphatically repudiated by Mr. Conboy last night, who added that any claimant to "Irish Republic citizenship" will be regarded as subjects of Great Britain.

The Irish Protective League issued its statement on the expiration of Paul J. Hayes, Sean O'Hehir, Lawrence O'Neill and Patrick J. Fitzgerald, all of 240 West Third Street.

They answered question No. 15 on the enrollment card, which asks for the state or country of the registrant if he is an alien, by insisting that they owed allegiance to the "Irish Republic."

In a space on the back of the card, reserved for just such emergencies, according to Mr. Conboy, the registrar, Robert Murray, noted that he did not believe that such a political power existed.

According to Mr. Conboy, he ordered the men to be registered as subjects of Great Britain, and he had conferred with C. H. Daly, of 52 Broadway, attorney for the defendants, and Assistant United States District Attorney Atwater.

British Acting Consul Held by Bolsheviki

Imprisonment of Entente Officials and Civilians Is Reported

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 26 (By The Associated Press).—Dewitt C. Poole, Jr., acting American Consul General in Moscow, has arrived here. When he left Moscow a week ago, R. H. Lockhart, the British Acting Consul General in Moscow, was reported to be imprisoned in the Kremlin.

The French general, Lavigne, and the British Consul, Mr. Grant, were reported to be in the hands of the Bolsheviks, who refused to allow them to leave.

Paul Anderson, of the American Young Men's Christian Association, was arrested in Moscow and held for investigation. Mr. Poole was unable to obtain Anderson's release before he left Moscow.

Less Essential Industries May Keep Employees

The new Federal work-or-fight order will cause no drastic removals of men and substitutions of women in the less essential war industries, Charles D. Barnes, Federal superintendent of the United States Employment Service for the State of New York, made this announcement yesterday after receiving the new order from Washington.

Mr. Barnes said, after a careful study of the order, that it would not cause wholesale changes would be made, but that any substitution of women will be gradual.

Mr. Barnes added, however, that as a result of the order two women will be appointed to the advisory board for the state, making a body of seven, and two women will be appointed to each of the fourteen community boards into which the state has been divided for more convenient administration.

Miss Melinda Scott already has been named as a member of the governing board. There have been no women members up to this time.

"We do not contemplate any wide, sweeping turning over of labor, ousting men and substituting women," said Mr. Barnes. "Each community board will proceed as it has done before, carefully examining the labor situation of its district, finding out how many of the less necessary articles and making recommendations on this basis."

"When we find it necessary to suggest changes, we first will require a thorough examination of the type of work by the women members of the community boards and by the Bureau of Women in Industry, over which Miss Schwartz presides. If they feel that women can supplant men without physical or moral danger, then such substitution will be made."

Not Barred From Front, Dillon Says

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Representative Dillon, of South Dakota, in the House today denied published reports that he had been refused permission to visit the British front while on a recent trip to Europe.

Calling attention to dispatches saying he and Representative Lundeen, of Minnesota, had been kept away from the British front, and that an investigation was being made of remarks alleged to have been made by them aboard ship, Mr. Dillon declared the report was "maliciously false and without foundation."

It was quite possible, Mr. Dillon said, that he incurred the enmity of the officers of the British command on the front, who crossed with 3,000 soldiers because of his efforts "to see that they should be treated as they would be treated aboard an American vessel." As a result of his protests he said the soldiers were given better food than they had been getting.

Frankfort Is Bombed By British Aviators

LONDON, Sept. 26 (9 P. M.).—British airplanes yesterday dropped bombs on the German city of Frankfort, according to an official statement issued this evening by the War Office. Five enemy machines were shot down. Four British airplanes are missing.

An earlier statement said German aeroplanes at Buhl, twenty-five miles southwest of Karlsruhe, and at Kaiserslautern, between Metz and Mannheim, had been bombed by machines of the British Independent Air Force. Eighteen took place during the expedition, with the result that two enemy machines were destroyed. Three of the British machines have not been located.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—Allied airmen lost seven airplanes in an attack on Frankfort-on-Main and Kaiserslautern, according to a German official statement today. The statement said: "Seven airplanes were shot down out of enemy squadrons which attacked Frankfort-on-Main and Kaiserslautern."

Munition Plant Mail Sack Stolen

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 26.—A pouch of mail containing, it is said, valuable war information and consigned to the New York Central Express Company, was stolen from John F. Kelly, a fourteen-year-old office boy, today, as he left the post-office.

According to the story told to Department of Justice agents by the boy, two men, one of them speaking with a pronounced German accent and wearing a munition worker's badge, asked him to go across the street on an errand. He returned, saying he could not find the man he sought, and was told to try again. When he returned a second time the men and mail pouch were gone.

The mail bag contained hundreds of letters, and many of them it is said contained information that would be of value to Germany.

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